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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, Applicants respectfully request that the following amendment be entered into the application:

In the Specification:

In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.1121, please replace the following amended paragraphs on the following page numbers. The changes are shown explicitly in the attached "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made."

On page 6, delete the first paragraph under the heading "Brief Description of the Drawings," and replace this paragraph with the following:

Figure 1 presents DNA sequence (SEQ ID NO: 1) of an approximately 6 kb fragment that encodes β -glucuronidase from *Staphylococcus*.